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Fourth—That of obtaining statistics and information on the subject of immigration.

I have visited Japan, China, the Malay Peninsula, the

There will be evident to you that any modification, in our favor, of the requirements of the present conventions existing between Great Britain and other countries, would be immediately followed by a demand for modification by other countries; that no modification so accorded to emigrants might not be restricted to the Indian coolies as weak and ignorant, and are considered the property of the British nation, and that the settled police of a great and powerful nation will not be changed at the request of the Hawaiian Government.

THE EAST INDIANS AS LABORERS.

The East Indians are not an emigrating people. They are not disposed to move from one part of India to another, or to settle in foreign countries. Great efforts have been

I do not believe that much can be said in favor of the moral condition of these Hindoos. Their religion consists in the worship of numerous hidoons, and in many cases, grossly indecent looking idols. Monkeys are worshipped, and temples are constructed for, and are filled with, these Simian divinities. The people in great crowds worship them. I entered a Hindoo temple in Benares, the sacred city. Its dark recesses as well as its open spaces were filled with most hideous and disgusting idols, made of wood and bronze. Before an altar the pavement was clotted with the blood of butchered goats. In the court-yard were several "sacred wells." A crowd of men and women were drawing out and using the filthy water. Under the porticoes stood the "sacred" bulls and cows, standing and receiving the worship of the vast crowd of people who thronged the place, while women gathered "sacred" urine in cups. Fat, sleek Brahmin priests stood about receiving offerings of money. I do not believe that these religious rites are in advance of the ancient Hawaiian idolatry. If the Indians are to be taken as a basis of population in these Islands, they must be taken in their low intellectual and moral condition, and with all their revolting ceremonies. An attempt to build a nation in these days with such materials would not only be a waste of time and money, but would be a crime. I have seen them know nothing of our political system, and would require years of careful instruction before they could understand it. As these people are protected by British laws in the exercise of their religious rites, however revolting they are, they would have to be protected here.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION.

Under the present circumstances I will not consider this branch of the subject, but will, hereafter, make a separate report upon it.

The foregoing report is respectfully submitted.
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Commissioner of Immigration.
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